

## REMARKS

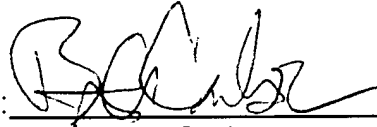
Applicant hereby adds new claims 43-89 with this Amendment. Claims 1-89 (13 independent, 76 dependent) remain pending in this application. The new claims submitted herewith are not made for purposes of patentability, but rather to more fully claim the invention and to introduce claims consistent with those pending internationally. No new matter is submitted with this Amendment. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed via facsimile, with a confirmatory copy being sent via First Class Mail.

The new claims submitted herewith substantially conform to claims pending in a companion international application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued by the International Search Authority in the European Patent Office is provided herewith for the Examiner's reference.

If a telephone call would assist prosecution of this matter in any way, the Examiner is earnestly invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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